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NJMC to Host 'Urban Landscapes' Exhibit By Artist Ivan Valencia

LYNDHURST, N.J. – “Urban Landscapes,” a collection of gritty oil on canvas paintings by local artist Ivan Valencia, will be on display at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission’s Flyway Gallery during the month of December.

The show will run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 30. An artist’s reception will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Valencia, who has been painting for nearly 40 years, captures the feeling of the urban areas in New Jersey, New York and other locations that have inspired him. He started learning his craft by studying under Maestro Luis Carlos Valencia-Guevara in his native Columbia.

Valencia, who now lives in Carlstadt, studied drawing and painting at the Art Students’ League of New York. He served as the head of the Department of Fine Arts of the University of Cacao, Popayan, Colombia. He has exhibited at numerous locations including Johnson and Johnson in New Brunswick, St. John’s University, the Newark Museum, the Williams Center for the Arts in Rutherford and the Museum of Contemporary Hispanic Art in New York.

The Flyway Gallery is located in the Meadowlands Environment Center, a New Jersey Meadowlands Commission facility operated by Ramapo College of New Jersey. The MEC is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (201) 460-8300 or log on to www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

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